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## DOD Overseas Expenditure Increase Seen for FY66

Increased requirements in South Vietnam are expected to increase overseas expenditures several hundred million dollars in FY66, thereby adding to the net balance of payments deficit.

This was revealed in Congressional testimony by Assistant Defense Secretary (Manpower) Thomas D. Morris. He spoke in support of a bill providing a more attractive savings program for overseas personnel.

Intensive DOD efforts to minimize overseas expenditures of all types resulted in a 50 percent decline ($2.8 billion to $1.4 billion) in the net adverse balance attributable to Defense expenditures between 1961 and 1965.

In view of the increased support to Vietnam operations, Secretary Morris said efforts must be expanded in other areas to reduce the net balance of payment deficit.

## XB70A Research Suffers As Result of Air Collision

Recent aerial collision that demolished an XB70A supersonic research aircraft will have a very serious effect on continuance of the program.

This was revealed by U. S. officials explaining that of two XB70s built, the remaining one has had problems.

Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara has directed Air Force Secretary Harold Brown to conduct an investigation into circumstances of the crash.

## Proposed Military Pay Bill Carries July 1 Effective Date

The proposed 3.2 percent military basic pay increase would become effective July 1, according to provisions of H.R. 1536.

At the same time, a Federal pay increase for civilian employees would be effective the same date if enacted as proposed in a separate bill.

The military pay increase is included in a bill authorizing appropriations for defense procurement and research and development for FY67.

*LEADERS HEAR BRIEFING—Lt. Gen. Joseph H. Moore, 7th AF Commander and Deputy Commander for Air Operations, MACV (right), talks with RVN Prime Minister Nguyen Cao Ky during a briefing on air operations in support of South Vietnam. Ky is also vice marshal and commander of the RVN Air Force.*

## Income Tax Exclusion Sought For Dislocation Allowance

A bill which may relieve service personnel from paying income tax on dislocation allowance has been considered by Sub-Committee No. 2, House Armed Services Committee.

H. R. 5293 would re-phrase existing law to eliminate term "dislocation allowance," which a 1964 IRS decision held must be included in gross income.

Congressional testimony was presented by Cdr. W. D. Wessinger, USN, Bureau of Naval Personnel, representing DOD. He explained the allowance was established in 1955 as a partial reimbursement.

DOD's view, he said, is that Congress clearly intended it not be considered as compensatory in nature. He referred to continued cost raises since last adjustment and said adverse effect of IRS ruling is obvious.

The commander said DOD understands Treasury Department and Budget Bureau oppose enactment of the bill. He said DOD, nevertheless, strongly supports enactment because of the current adverse effect on morale and personnel retention.

# Washington Memos

AIR FORCE REPORTS overseas civilian vacancies during CY66 are about ten times the average reported during CY65. Among reasons given are CTSP conversion, MIX-FIX, and Southeast Asia build up. Recruitment continues at 13 Overseas Employment Offices in CONUS and Hawaii.

**TU LUONG VILLAGERS are receiving thousands of clothing items from members of Defense Industrial Supply Center (DISC), Philadelphia. "Letters to Vietnam" was started by Brig. Gen. John M. Kenderdine, DISC commander. Return letter cited needs of the South Vietnamese villagers. "Clothes the Gap" evolved with DISC members adopting the village.**

DOD CASUALTY FIGURES reveal 3,662 U. S. service personnel in RVN lost their lives from hostile actions between Jan. 1, 1961-June 4, 1966. 20,241 were wounded or injured. Non-hostile actions claimed lives of 815.

**U.S.S. INTREPID CATAPULT crews have recorded what is believed to be fastest aircraft launch time yet. Nine A-4 Skyhawks and six A-1 Skyraiders with bomb and rocket loads were catapulted May 25 in flat seven minutes, with only 28-second intervals between launches.**

IN JULY PRIMARY elections are scheduled in two states. Primaries are scheduled July 12 in Virginia and July 26 in Arkansas. Registration requirements and deadlines for applying for absentee ballots are contained in DOD pamphlet, Voting Information 1966.

**NAVY HAS DEDICATED a 100-unit housing project for enlisted men at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Washington. The project has been named "Jackson Park" for Senator Henry M. Jackson of Washington.**

**MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS helicopter pilots in RVN have been credited with dramatic achievement during past year for fast evacuation of wounded. Army's MSC Chief, Col. William A. Hamrick, credits pilots with significant contribution.**

**AMERICAN RED CROSS President Gen. James F. Collins, and Robert C. Lewis, vice president in charge of services to U.S. armed forces and veterans, worldwide, are in Far East reviewing ARC operations. Visits were scheduled for Hawaii, Japan, Korea, Okinawa, the Philippines, and RVN.**

BILL DESIGNED FOR more up-to-date savings program for overseas service personnel would eliminate defects in current Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Savings Deposit Program. Present program has fallen into virtual disuse. Less than four percent of Army enlisted strength, the major depositors, use program for regular savings.

**ORIGINALLY SERVICEMEN'S SAVINGS were popular because four percent simple interest rate was attractive at that time. Other savings accounts paid a lesser rate and were not readily available at military installations. This is no longer true. Savings accounts today pay higher interest rate and are compounded at frequent intervals, with interest beginning on day of deposit.**

NAVY SHIP'S STORE Office will conduct seminars this summer for food service managers and managers of enlisted men's clubs. First seminar is scheduled to begin July 24 at Cornell University, N.Y., with RAdm Charles A. Blick, commanding officer of Navy Ship's Store Office, scheduled to appear. Some 40 managers and supervisory personnel of Navy Resale System are scheduled to attend seminar in Manila, Republic of Philippines, in August. Another seminar is scheduled in September in San Diego, Calif.

**AMERICA'S OLDEST CAVALRY regiment on active duty, 2nd Armored Cavalry, celebrated 130th anniversary at Nuremberg, Germany, May 21.**

**ADMIRAL EDWIN J. ROLAND, USCG (ret.), is first member of his service to receive Reserve Officers Association's "Minuteman Hall of Fame" award, given annually to leader with distinguished record and held in affection by members of his service and by ROA. Adm. Roland is former USCG Commandant.**

THERE ARE 98 national cemeteries in United States. DOD administers to 85 containing more than a million graves. Department of Interior administers to 13 others. Overseas, Battle Monuments Commission administers to eight containing 31,000 WW I dead with 93,000 WW II dead.

**PERHAPS BEST KNOWN is Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. Some 137,000 Americans are buried there, including veterans of Washington's Army of the Revolution, Union and Confederate veterans, and 229 bodies recovered from battleship Maine, blown up in Havana harbor in 1898.**

AIR FORCE SYSTEMS Command's Electronic Systems Division has invited 20 firms to submit proposals for replacement of electronic data processing equipment at Air Force Technical Applications Center, Alexandria, Va. New equipment will process present workload at six to eight times speed of existing computer systems.

**FORT BENNING, GA., will host some of nation's top scientists, educators, industrialists and engineers June 21st and 22nd. Purpose is to explore need for greater scientific and technical contribution in support of activities in Vietnam.**

USMC CIVIC ACTIONS in RVN gained support from stateside Marine Corps Reserves, who provided more than $216,000 through CARE. Money was used for assistance packages delivered by III MAF Marines to RVN populace in coastal areas.

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# Total Military Pay System Under Defense Dept. Review

The Defense Department is engaged in quadrennial review of the total military pay structure required in the Uniformed Services Pay Act of 1965.

A section of the act states the President would submit to Congress by Jan. 1, 1967, a detailed report concerning recommended adjustments and changes in the principles and concepts of the compensation system established for members of the uniformed services.

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower) Thomas D. Morris has informed the House Armed Services Committee that DOD is reexamining the whole range of pay and career incentives needed to attract and retain the numbers and types of skills required at every level—officer and enlisted. He also said the review includes professional specialists required to have advanced degrees before entering the service.

Scretary Morris noted, "Our goal is to develop imaginative new approaches to the solution of problems, many of which are of long standing, for consideration by this committee next year."

A proposed 3.2 percent pay increase, with a scheduled effective date of July 1, 1966, has been endorsed by Secretary Morris.

# Evidence Fails to Support NVN Build Up in Cambodia

U.S. officials say there is still no hard evidence to support reports of a North Vietnamese troop build up in Cambodia.

Defense Department termed the reports unconfirmed in a May 27 announcement. The official statement said an investigation failed to substantiate the reports.

The officials said similar reports continue to trickle in, but are still unconfirmed.

# USS Kitty Hawk Sets Record In Navy Relief Campaign

A 100 percent contribution of $14,690 has set an all time record for any one ship and embarked squadrons during a Navy Relief Campaign.

This amount was contributed in 1966 campaign by members of USS Kitty Hawk, Commander Carrier Division Five, and Attack Carrier Air Wing Eleven.

Kitty Hawk's commander is Capt. Martin D. Carmody, USN.

# Congress Hears Testimony On Military Savings Program

Congressional hearings are underway on a DOD-sponsored bill to provide a high interest rate savings program for overseas service personnel.

Testimony supporting the bill was presented to Sub-Committee No. 2, House Armed Services Committee, by Assistant Defense Secretary (Manpower) Thomas D. Morris.

Secretary Morris said the current Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Savings Deposit Program was set up more than 94 years ago and is restricted to enlisted participation. He termed it outmoded and said it should be phased out or revitalized.

The proposed legislation is designed for two purposes: (1) providing attractive savings for overseas troops; and (2) reducing expenditures in overseas communities, thus lessening net adverse balance of payments associated with DOD activities.

Plans under proposed legislation are for compounding interest quarterly, and accrual immediately on deposit. Rates would be prescribed by the President.

Defects in the servicemen's deposit program were described by Secretary Morris as the non-competitive four percent simple interest rate and restrictive deposit requirements, where interest accrues only on funds left for six months or longer.

# First Air Force Crews Begin Caribou Training

First Air Force crews began training in newly acquired Army Caribou transports June 11 at Fort Benning, Ga.

Tactical Air Command's 4449th Combat Crew Training Squadron will train Air Force crews at Ft. Benning until a specific TAC base is selected as home station.

TAC is acquiring from Army the entire fleet of about 30 CV-2 Caribou transports in the U.S. More than 100 CV-2s are located overseas, mostly in Southeast Asia, and will be transferred from Army to the Air Force theater commander Dec. 31.

Officials said by the end of this year TAC will have trained enough crews to man the worldwide Caribou force now composed of Army personnel.

Air Force is acquiring the Caribou through a joint airlift agreement made with Army in early April.

## New Army Weapons School Graduates Combat-Ready

Soldiers attending technical schooling for Army's new, low altitude air defense battalions will attend and graduate together as a combat-ready unit.

A 22-week course at Ft. Bliss, Tex. is for soldiers manning the new Chaparral guided missile and Vulcan automatic gun systems.

Chaparral system uses modified Navy-developed Sidewinder 1C missile, giving it surface-to-air capability. It is designed for use against all aircraft at low to medium altitudes.

Vulcan system mounts a 20mm gun operating on Gatling Gun principle. It is capable of firing more than 3,000 rounds per minute.

## Mechanized Conveyor Speeds SE Asia-Bound Shipments

A new mechanized conveyor system, in operation at Clark AB, Philippines, is providing more efficient sorting, packing, and consolidation of shipments bound for Southeast Asia.

The system has increased workload capacity by an estimated 30 percent and reduced average processing time by about 25 percent.

Although designed specifically for Clark AB, similar systems are being considered for installation in warehousing air terminals at other installations.

## Former First Air Cavalry CG Gets Force Development Post

Maj. Gen. Harry W. O. Kinnard, key figure in development of 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), has received Pentagon assignment.

He is expected to make new recommendations on future airmobile units in Pentagon position as Army Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development.

Gen. Kinnard commanded 11th Air Assault Division (Test), which developed airmobile concept. He relinquished command of 1st Cavalry May 6.

*BRAZILIAN AWARD—Gen. Wallace M. Greene Jr., Commandant U.S. Marine Corps (left), receives the Brazilian Order of Naval Merit from RAdm. Heitor Lopes de Sousa, Brazilian Marine Corps Commandant.*

## Army Correspondence Courses Teach Airmobile Concepts

Latest airmobile concepts are in revised correspondence courses of U. S. Army Infantry School, Department of Nonresident Instruction, Ft. Benning, Ga.

Airborne-Airmobility, career subcourse 369, provides aircraft familiarization. It also covers air delivery and close air support including infantry battalion air and airmobile operations.

Career subcourse 412 of Airborne-Airmobility contains Army aviation principles, joint airborne operations, and airborne and airmobility role.

Enrollment details are in DA Pamphlet 350-60.

## Develop New Microphone For UH-1 Helicopter Crews

Boom microphone used by UH-1 helicopter door gunners and crew chiefs picks up high noise level which may be eliminated with new inertial type microphone currently under evaluation.

New microphone, developed by Dyna Magnetic Devices, Inc., Hicksville, N.Y., fits in flight helmet picking up voice vibrations through bone conduction. System uses small preamplifier and self-contained power supply compatible with present helmet wiring.

## *Personnel Actions*

**Lt. Gen. Vernon P. Mock, USA,** Deputy CofS for Military Operations, U.S. Army, reassigned as Deputy CG, Eighth U.S. Army, Korea. **Brig. Gen. Walter E. Lotz Jr., USA,** (major general nominee) presently Chief, Communications and Electronics, USMACV, to be reassigned Sept. 1 as Chief, Communications-Electronics, Dept. of the Army, replacing **Maj. Gen. David P. Gibbs,** who is retiring. **Lt. Gen. William W. Momyer, USAF,** Commander HQ, ATC, Randolph AFB, Tex., reassigned effective July 1 as Deputy Commander for Air Operations, USMACV, and Commander, 7th AF. **RAdm. Raymond F. Dubois,** USN, reassigned from Naval Air Systems Command HQ, Wash., D.C., to Deputy Naval Inspector General, OPNAV.

## Atlantic Fleet Ships Combine Goodwill Trip, ASW Training

Ten Atlantic Fleet ships are participating in a goodwill cruise to nine Northern European countries in conjunction with enroute training in antisubmarine warfare.

During the cruise, now underway, extensive "people-to-people" activities are planned for ports in Norway, Sweden, Germany, the Netherlands, Denmark, France, England, Scotland and Ireland.

## Planeless Squadron Personnel Win 26 Air Medals in RVN

Personnel of the Air Force's 8th Aerial Port Squadron in the Republic of Vietnam have been awarded 26 Air Medals even though no aircraft are assigned to the unit.

The personnel are "volunteer flare-kickers" who fly with squadrons of the 315th Air Commando Wing on 6-8 hour missions after a regular duty day. Normal duty assignments range from administrative clerks to air freight specialists.

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